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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY J.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP

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1. AS YOU KNOW, KLABIN IS NOT NOW SO PROMINENT AND, I WOULD JUDGE, NOT SO INFLUENTIAL AS HE WAS IN THE TIME OF KUBITSCHKE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE IS NON GRATA TO THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, WITH SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS HE APPEARS TO BE ON VERY GOOD TERMS. HE IS NOT, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE "IN GROUP".

2. AS YOU ALSO KNOW, KLABIN IS A QUIETLY IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE BRAZILIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE VISITED ISRAEL FROM TIME TO TIME. I MENTION THIS BECAUSE OF ITS RELEVANCE TO THE GOB'S, AND OF COURSE SILVEIRA'S, SENSITIVITY ON THE ZIONIST ISSUE.

3. THERE IS ANOTHER COMPLICATING FACTOR WHICH I HAVE JUST LEARNED ABOUT (SUBSEQUENT TO MY CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH FISHLOW). I HAVE HEARD THAT KLABIN'S FIRST WIFE WAS A SISTER-IN-LAW OF SILVEIRA'S AND THAT THERE IS ALLEGED TO BE SOME BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THEM AS A RESULT. I CANNOT ASSESS

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THE ACCURACY OF THIS RATHER VAGUE INFORMATION -- (YOU MAY KNOW

MORE ABOUT IT), NOR, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, CAN I CHECK IT FURTHER,
BUT I DO KNOW, FROM SOME COMMENTS BY SENATOR JAVITS, THAT KLABIN HAS
A

PERSONAL DISLIKE FOR SILVEIRA (WHICH IS NOT AN UNCOMMON
SITUATION AMONG BRAZILIANS OF KLABIN'S GENERAL OUTLOOK --
AND THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ISRAEL OR ZIONISM,
ALTHOUGH IN KLABIN'S CASE THIS WOULD BE ONE MORE FACTOR).

4. IF THERE IS AT LEAST SOME SUBSTANCE IN THE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KLABIN AND
SILVEIRA, I BELIEVE, ON THE BASIS OF MY AWARENESS OF
SILVEIRA'S PERSONALITY, THAT HE WOULD BE RESENTFUL OF THE
FRIENDLY INTIMACY OF THE SECRETARY WITH A MAN WHOM
SILVEIRA DISLIKES AND WHO -- AND THIS IS QUITE SECONDARY
BUT STILL A CONSIDERATION GIVEN SILVEIRA'S ABILITY TO NOURISH
GRUDGES -- IS AN OPPONENT OF A SENSITIVE ASPECT OF
SILVEIRA'S POLICY.

5. SILVEIRA'S ATTITUDES ARE OF COURSE NOT NECESSARILY
DETERMINING, UT I RECOMMEND THAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BE
MADE. I MAKE THE RECOMMENDATION SIMPLY BECAUSE OF
SILVEIRA'S PRESENT POSITION, AND I MAKE IT VERY
RELUCTANTLY AND WITH MUCH REGRET BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT
THE KLABINS OF BRAZIL ARE BETTER FRIEND OF THE U.S. AND OVER
TIME BASICALLY MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN THE SILVEIRAS.
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